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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1848

**Introduced by Assembly Members Bermudez and Jerome Horton
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Coto and Maze)**

January 12, 2006

An act to amend Section 8592.6 of the Government Code, relating to homeland security.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1848, as amended, Bermudez. Homeland security: interoperable public safety communication network.

Existing law provides for the coordination of state and local public safety agencies and emergency response teams to respond to emergencies. Existing law administered by the Federal Communications Commission authorizes public safety agencies or entities to operate radio communication systems on specified frequencies of the radio spectrum and directs states to oversee the interoperability of the public safety spectrum.

Existing law also establishes the Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee responsible for implementing a statewide integrated public safety communication system using federally specified frequencies to facilitate interoperability among specified public safety departments and requires the committee to report annually to the Legislature regarding the committee's progress.

This bill would designate the annual report to serve as the state strategic plan for establishing a statewide integrated interoperable public safety communications network and would require the report to include implementation strategies and timelines.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8592.6 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:

3 8592.6. (a) The committee shall report to the Legislature by
4 January 1 of each year on the committee's progress in
5 implementing this article.

6 (b) (1) The annual report shall serve as the state's strategic
7 plan to establish a statewide integrated, interoperable public
8 safety communications network. The report shall include, but not
9 be limited to, implementation strategies and timelines to achieve
10 the goals and objectives set forth in the report. The
11 implementation strategies and timelines may include
12 identification of resource needs, *including data formats*, possible
13 funding sources, prioritization of expenditures, and the
14 development of common protocols that build upon industry and
15 governmental standards for interoperability as set forth in
16 paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 8592.5 that
17 will advance the integration of local, regional, and statewide
18 interoperable public safety communication networks. The report
19 shall be updated annually, as strategies, timelines, goals, and
20 objectives are accomplished or changed.

21 (2) In developing the report, the committee, at its discretion,
22 shall consult with any other ~~federal, state, regional, or local~~ *local,*
23 *regional, state, or federal* entity with responsibility for
24 developing, operating, or monitoring interoperability of the
25 public safety spectrum, and other first response agencies. The
26 report may include recommendations for local, regional, state, or
27 federal entities to coordinate resources and the development of
28 common protocols to advance the integration of local, regional,
29 and statewide interoperable public safety communication
30 networks.

1 (c) The report will include a complete listing of purchases by
2 state departments of public safety radio communications
3 equipment, for which a waiver of subdivision (a) of Section
4 8592.5 was granted by the committee.

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